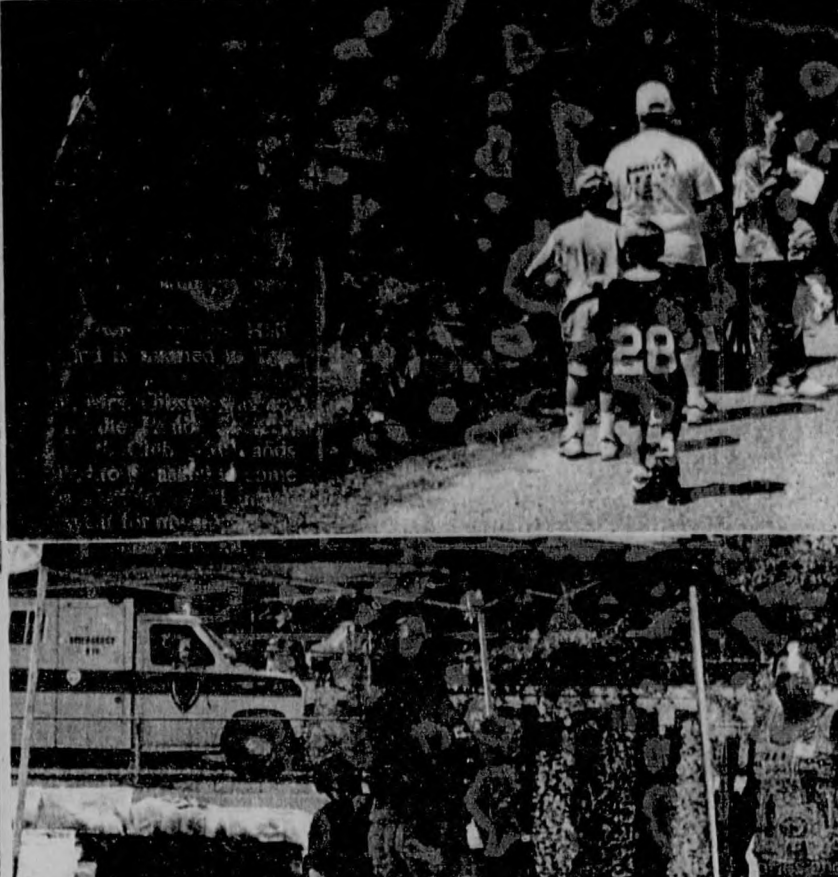
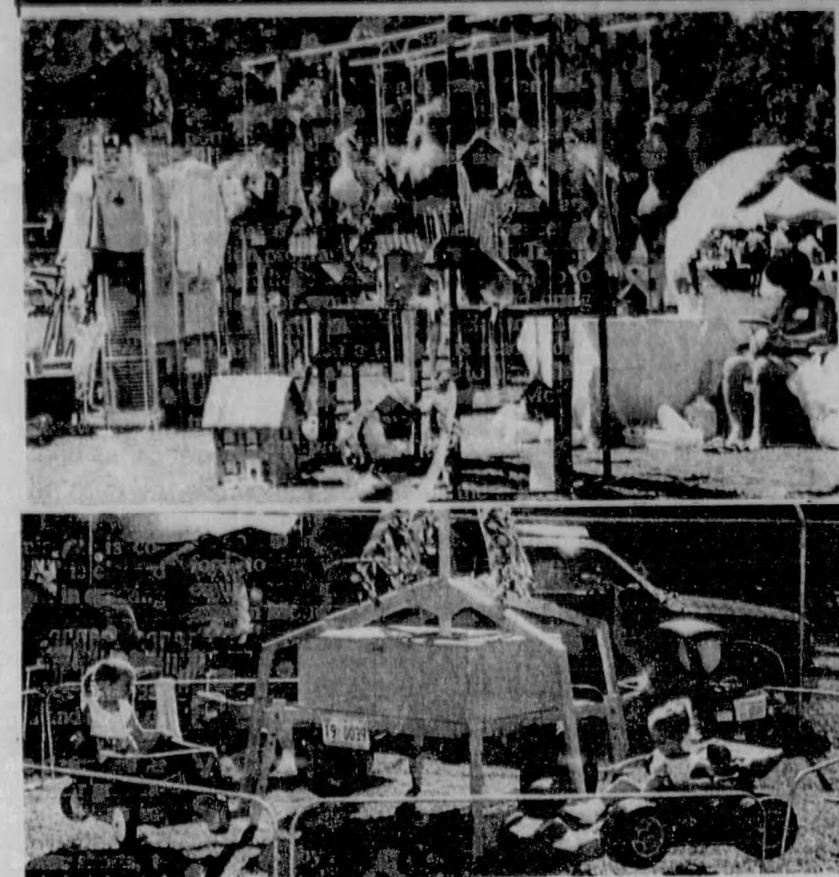


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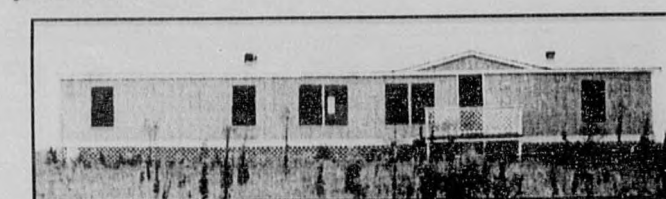
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Antique car tags expire October 1st



Randolph Willis

State Farm to pay dividends to policyholders

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., the largest personal lines insurance company in the United States, has announced it plans to pay dividends of \$7.2 million to its Alabama auto insurance policyholders. The Alabama dividends are part of a national program under which State Farm and its New Jersey affiliate, State Farm Indemnity Co., will pay nearly \$700 million to its auto insurance customers in 30 states and the District of Columbia. The dividends will be paid by check or a credit to State Farm Mutual customers' accounts over a six-month period beginning Nov. 1. State Farm will return 3.6 percent of its semiannual premium on its 701,000 Alabama policies.

PV2 Randolph S. Willis of Co. A, 58th Transportation, 1st Engr. Bde, USAF, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., has been reassigned on Permanent Change of Station to 1st Adjutant General Detachment, Korea. He is to report for duty Sept. 28.

Antique car tags expire October 1st

The Alabama Dept. of Revenue reminds vehicle owners that antique license tags displayed on vehicles 25 years or older will expire Sept. 30, 1997, and after that date, will no longer be valid tags. Legislation passed in the 1996 regular session repealed the antique tag and called for the issuance of a vintage tag in its place, setting clearly-defined qualification requirements for vintage vehicles, increasing the vehicle age qualification from 25 to 30 years, as well as defining the use of the vehicle.

The law required that the vintage tag replace the antique tag, beginning Oct. 1, 1996, and allowed a one-year transition period for vehicle owners to either exchange their antique tag for the new vintage tag or acquire a standard vehicle license plate if they do not wish to operate the vehicle as a vintage or collector-type vehicle.

Vehicle owners applying for a vintage tag for the first time will pay a one-time \$10 registration fee, a county insurance fee (generally \$1.25), and any ad valorem taxes which have accrued on the vehicle prior to its registration as a vintage vehicle.

The Better Business Bureau and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) have joined forces to deal with the heavy load of worker discrimination complaints filed each month in Alabama.

It has been estimated that between 250 and 300 such complaints are received by a typical bureau. Many of these cases have ended up in the courtroom, something that puts a tremendous strain on an already swamped justice system.

What the BBB-EEOC alliance is designed to do is mediate complaints at the onset, thus avoiding expensive litigation.

This is a one-of-a-kind program, said Don Boomersline, president of the BBB of Central Alabama and counties of the Wiregrass.

"We are the first bureau to start a mediation program with the EEOC, and we think it's a natural," Boomersline said.

Under the program, when a worker or discrimination complaint is forwarded to the EEOC, the agency will screen it to see if the case should be investigated, according to Debra B. Wilson, alternative dispute resolution coordinator for EEOC's Birmingham office.

If the charge proves to have merit, the EEOC receives permission from both parties to mediate the case through the BBB. The Bureau will then bring in area attorneys certified in mediation to attempt to resolve the dispute short of court.

"This mediation program can save both the government and businesses lots of time and money," Ms. Wilson said.

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CEO DREXEL COOK NAMES DORIS MATTHEWS AS BANK PRESIDENT

The Peoples Bank sells controlling interest

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

In one giant sweep last Thursday morning Peoples Bank CEO Drexel Cook made official his retirement by the end of the year, revealed the appointment of long time Executive Vice President Doris Matthews as the new president and at the same time announced the sale of controlling interest in the local bank to a Troy firm.



DREXEL COOK

Mr. Cook explained to bank employees, the board of directors and stockholders that he was retiring for personal reasons, but intends to remain active in the local business community as well as continue to serve on the bank's board of directors. He plans to maintain his long time association with Elba General

Hospital where he presently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors. At the same time he stressed with pride that the directors were promoting one of the bank's own in a well deserved move. Mrs. Matthews, a Coffee County native, began with The Peoples Bank 30 years ago and Mr. Cook said her abilities are unquestioned. "She has natural business instincts and enjoys doing business, in addition to being an accomplished banker. The bank's future could not be in better hands," he said. Mrs. Matthews assumed the position of president immediately.

Cook said majority interest in the bank holding company, Pea River Capital, has been sold to Henderson Bankshares of Troy, which owns a controlling interest in Troy Bank & Trust. The Peoples Bank will continue to operate under the same name and as a stand-alone bank. It will have a local board and local management as in the past. This transaction, of course, requires regulatory approval.

"The board chose to enter into an agreement with an independent community banking firm rather than any of the large regional or national corporations because of a strong belief that Elba will benefit more with the continued presence of a community bank," Cook said. He noted that Henderson Bankshares is owned in majority by the Charles Henderson Trust, which clearly indicates it will always be an independent community bank.

Mrs. Matthews said she is honored and excited about the promotion and looks forward to an even greater opportunity to fulfill more of the financial needs of the people in



DORIS MATTHEWS

the Elba area. A well trained, dedicated staff is in place to continue serving the banking public of this

CONTRIBUTION MADE TO FUNDING WATER STUDY IN AREA

Commission approves \$10.7 million budget

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was longer than recent ones with a majority of the meeting consisting of opening bids.

The only other major item of business was the approval of the budget for the fiscal year 1997-98. After opening annual bids for chemicals (weed control on right-of-ways), fertilizer, lime, crushed stone, bridge components, and asphalt, the commission chose not to award any of the bids. They were either tabled or held for further review.

County Engineer Randy Tindell recommended that the lone bid received on bridge components be rejected and the remainder of the bids on other items be compared to state bid prices before making any awards. No bids were submitted on seeding, fertilizing and spreading.

Turning to the business of money, County Administrator Wilson Monday presented a brief synopsis of the 1997-98 budget. The balanced budget, as required by law, totaled \$10,701,397.00. This is up from last year's budget of \$10,340,400.00.

A breakdown of the budget is as follows:
General Fund - \$3,726,760.00; Landfill Fund - \$2,581,000.00; Gasoline Fund - \$2,186,822.00; Road & Bridge Fund - \$590,000.00; 38R Gasoline Fund - \$1,078,000.00; Public Highway & Traffic Fund - \$257,500.00; and Reappraisal Fund - \$281,315.00.

Included in this year's budget is a 40¢ per hour pay increase for all county employees.

After Mobley's presentation, a motion was made to approve the new budget. This brought on more discussion and an amendment to the budget motion.

Earlier in the meeting, Estus Walker, executive director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority, had addressed the commission concerning a study project assessing surface and ground water in the area.

The project will also look at the quality of water and the availability of surface water. Also being looked at is the possibility of constructing five surface water reservoirs in the area. Two of the sites being considered are in Coffee County just southwest of Enterprise.

Walke asked the commission for monetary support of the project. This resulted in an amendment to the budget approval motion by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

Dalrymple's motion called for a contribution, by the county, of \$50,000.00 from the general fund to the water study project.

area, according to Mrs. Matthews. She said the recent sale would give the Elba bank access to more capital and a wider range of financial options. This will allow them to better serve the business needs of the bank's customers.

"We have a long-standing relationship with the staff of Troy Bank & Trust, which is one of the oldest and largest independent banks in the state. We think it is a natural blend and have no doubt they will work well with the Elba staff, in serving the ever expanding needs of the existing customers, as well as support the continued unprecedented growth of the local bank," Mrs. Matthews said.

Mrs. Matthews and her husband Joel are the parents of one son, Kevin, and the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Morgan, age 2. She has long been active in local civic, school and church activities. Doris is on the board of directors and is past president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as vice chairman of the Elba Industrial Development Board. The couple reside in the Brookdale subdivision of Elba.



LEVEE REHABILITATION PROJECT... Last Friday morning, the City of Elba received a boost in its project involving the rehabilitation of the levee protecting portions of the city. The boost was a monetary one. The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) presented Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (right) with a check for \$16,250.00. Making the presentation was H. Estus Walker, P.E., executive director of CPYRWMA. In making the presentation, Walker said, "We are glad to make this contribution in appreciation of the work that has already been done on the levee and will be done in the future. The estimated cost of the project is \$433,333.00 with the City of Elba providing 25 percent (\$108,333) in cash in order to meet requirements of the Project Cooperative Agreement with the Corps of Engineers.

Mobley reminded commissioners that the budget has to be a balanced one; therefore, \$5,000 will have to be added to the revenue side, as well as the expenditure side, of the budget.

Some commissioners questioned the adding of this item to the budget without first knowing where the revenue would come from. Mobley noted that he did not think it would be a problem (finding the money), but it would just be a matter of deciding where the money would come from.

After several minutes of discussion, the amendment was approved with Commissioner Kayo Lewis casting the lone dissenting vote. The motion to approve the budget was also passed with Lewis again casting a "no" vote.

Also in connection with the new budget, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion that tipping fees at the county landfill remain the same except those increases stipulated in contracts already in force. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Commissioners Doug Dalrymple, seconded by Bernest Brooks, to increase the tipping

rate from \$17 to \$18 per ton for cities and towns within the county failed.

Wanda Edberg, Coffee County Solid Waste Enforcement Officer, reminded commissioners that MDI (Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.) would begin collecting garbage in the county October 1, 1997.

She stated that any county resident who has not signed up and does not have a garbage container should call MDI at 1-888-735-5111 or her office at 347-957, ext. 273.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Approved sending out bid invitations on pipe for the highway department.

***Gave final approval for the plat on the Winterberry Way Subdivision located just off Co. Rd. 157. This is a private subdivision and the roads will not be county-maintained.

***Signed a resolution setting the speed limit at 25mph in Forehand and Sleepy Hollow subdivisions.

***Approved obtaining a declaration of emergency (clarification) on the recent court decision involving a fence on Co. Rd. 720.

Change being made in handicap parking credentials

Disabled drivers and vehicle owners are reminded by the Alabama Department of Revenue to check and ensure that their vehicles display proper parking credentials authorizing parking in designated handicap spaces.

Beginning December 1, 1997, Alabama law enforcement will not honor the parking of vehicles in handicap parking spaces unless those vehicles display valid handicap license plates or valid handicap parking placards.

Valid handicap parking credentials include either the Alabama handicap license plate, issued during the 1997 registration year, or the 1997 removable standard windshield (blue) placard or the removable temporary (red) windshield placard.

Handicap decals displayed on any distinctive tag or Alabama handicap parking placards issued before January 1, 1997, will no longer serve as valid Alabama handicap parking credentials.

Individuals who have either of these former credentials must be recertified by their physicians using federal disability qualifications to obtain the Alabama handicap license plate and/or the 1997 standard windshield parking placard.

In January 1997, Alabama adopted federal handicap parking and vehicle licensing provisions must be re-issued on license plates as a handicap parking credential and requires that the removable handicap windshield parking placards hang from the vehicle's rear-view mirror.

NEWS BRIEFS

The two inmates who escaped from the Elba Work Release Center last week (September 15) have been recaptured and returned to prison. Jeffery Parrett, 21, was captured by Georgia authorities after he wrecked the vehicle he was driving. Tony Eagan, 20, was captured last Thursday afternoon by Houston County Sheriff's Deputies near Ashford, AL.

Authorities believe that a stray bullet may have struck and killed Johnny L. Williams who was working in his chicken houses just west of Kinston. The incident occurred Tuesday morning (Sept. 16) around 11 a.m. Williams was taken to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opel where he died as a result of a wound in the lower abdomen. Cartridge casings were found near a stop sign with several holes in it near the intersection of Co. Rds. 91 and 89. The sign was approximately 400 yards from where Williams was found. The incident remains under investigation.

HAPPENINGS

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. The Elba Tigers travel to Opp - Kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels play host to Clayton - Kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; New Brockton Gamecocks are at home against Georgiana with game time set at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs are at home against Sanson with kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs are at home against McKenzie - Kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

JAIL RESTORATION PROJECT. Brick pavers to be used in the walkway and court yard of the old jail may now be purchased. The brick can have up to three (3) lines of engraved print with each line limited to fourteen (14) letters. Send name and information to go on the brick with a check for \$35.00 for each brick. Checks should be made payable to Jail Restoration Project, Elba Chamber of Commerce, and mail to 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36023. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334)897-3125.

HOMEcoming SCHEDULED. New Brockton High School will have homecoming September 26, 1997. The day's activities will begin with a pep rally at 1:00 p.m. in the gym followed by a parade through downtown New Brockton at 2:15 p.m. The evening will conclude with the Gamecocks playing, host to Georgiana at 7:30 p.m.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We almost caused a wreck last Thursday afternoon. While driving between Elba and New Brockton something hit the windshield several times, the swerving, etc. which accompanied trying to figure out what was happening surely upset the woman in the trailing car. However, we regained our composure after realizing it was something called rain drops! It had been so long, but even those few gave promise of more to come. Hopefully, the Elba schools let the students come to town Tuesday afternoon to see the little shower that hit the downtown area. They need some memories to tell their grandchildren about.

Last week our comments about the woman walking in Pea River got a response from Butch Oggs. He had been walking his dog one recent morning and found a similar situation as he and the dog crossed the levee and turned a curve. There sat a man, right where the water normally runs, enjoying the early morning weather in his lawn chair. It seems the gentleman had taken advantage of the situation and camped out on the dry sand the night before and was reluctant to leave.

The Elba City Council members are still studying the options relating to the proposed sewer upgrade project. Right now it is anyone's guess as to whether the \$2.4 million project will ultimately be approved. Not being a member of the governing body it is much easier for someone like us to form an opinion, and we have done just that. If the motion were made to proceed with the sewer improvement project, as recommended by the engineer, we would probably vote yes. As one council member said, "As I see it, we can either pay now or pay more later." Our only real hesitancy comes from the fact that even with this expansion, there are still Elba folks who will not be on the sewer system.

Every few years there is a letter arriving in the mail taking this careless country boy to task for the wrongful use of the word "media." The experts, who rarely are convinced enough to sign their name, point out that the word is plural and should be followed by have or are, rather than has or is. Having read all about the Latin roots of the word, we confess to the error of our ways, even though personally "is" still fits better. Now come some even bigger experts saying either way is correct! A journalism professor friend pointed out this week that Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary writes that both the singular and plural are correct. Syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick backs papers like The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal for not always using it as a plural. Now The Harbace County Handbook voices the opinion that media have is the formal usage and media has is the informal usage. That last one could really confuse the issue... let's just stay with the old traditional rule, even if we occasionally get an unsigned letter complaining and even though this cotton picker still likes media is. Common usage dictates most of the changes in our spoken language. Purist who are well versed in the English language still anguish over the official bowing to "ain't" as an acceptable word in our language. Having used it from childhood, the reaction here is, "So what?"

It ain't true folks. There was a report Sunday in the Montgomery Advertiser that Alabama Supreme Court Justice Terry Butts had decided not to run for governor next year. Well folks, we got it straight from Terry on Monday... he didn't say that. While in fact he said he still hasn't made up his mind for sure either way, it is for sure that he has not withdrawn his consideration of making the race. He acknowledges an election bid is going to be expensive on anyone who runs, and such things continue to weigh heavily in his decision making thoughts.

We have done a lot of studying of the recent tax relief bill passed by the U. S. Congress in hopes of finding some personal relief. Mainly, we are still confused. Our recent opinion we read described it as the turn of the loopholes. OK so be it, but how do we personally get those loopholes... that is the question.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Pearce gives update on local school system

Charles Pearce
Superintendent
Elba City Schools

Elba City schools have just finished the first six weeks of school, effective September 19, 1997. This seems impossible until realizing we start earlier each year.

Beginning early allows our high school students to finish the first block and take final tests before Christmas break. We can begin second block in January and end classes in late May instead of early June. The block schedule still appears to be a very positive change in our scheduling. Students are given 32 opportunities to achieve 28 credits. This gives students the flexibility to take electives and have more time for more extra-curricular programs.

Most students wind up with only three major/core courses in each block and teachers are given more time each day to provide a variety of instructional methods in each class. Students and teachers continue to like the block schedule.

Several people have asked about the possibility of Elba



City Schools moving to a "year round" school. There are a few school systems, including Houston County Schools, that are in their second and third years of this format. Initial reports seem to favor the move with most comments being positive.

Our administration continues to observe and monitor other programs as they experiment with various year round schedules. There is a strong likelihood that within just a few years all schools in the state will move toward this schedule. The original reason for summer breaks no longer exist; less than one percent of our student body live on farms or have to be available to help tend and gather crops. Summer breaks are a tradition that will not be easy to move away from. We don't anticipate making the change any time soon. If we do, we will poll students, teachers, community leaders, and certainly parents before we

make any recommendation to our board.

We are still observing improvement in our total program of studies and extracurricular programs. Test results on standardized tests continue to show moderate sustained growth. Enrollment is up this year by some 25 students. Our 40-day report last year was 1063 and we show an enrollment on September 16, 1997, of 1090.

If we maintain this number through October 6 (40th day) we could gain a teacher unit from state funding for next year. Our extracurricular programs appear to be improving in all areas of boys and girls athletics, service clubs; and certainly our high school band shows good improvement from years past.

All of these programs need local support and our community has really responded to this need. Please continue to support these programs as we keep trying to involve as many kids as possible in extracurricular activities. When our children are involved in teachers, community leaders, and certainly parents before we

from school. The more they can participate, the more they become a part of the academic setting.

This involvement in student council, 4H club, band, service clubs can begin at the elementary level and continue through high school. Our better students usually are our most involved students.

I truly believe Elba Elementary School and Elba High School can offer a child the highest quality education programs in our area. Our fine staff of teachers and support people know our kids as people and not numbers. This is not true in some larger systems.

We continue to solicit your support and input into trying to make Elba City Schools better each year. A school is no stronger than the support provided by its community.

Thank you parents and citizens,
Charles Pearce
Superintendent
Elba City Schools

ELBA POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 15 Thru SEPTEMBER 21, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 15, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two thefts, four criminal mischiefs, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, ten harassments, one property recovery, three assaults, and one public intoxication.

Arrests made during the week include: one for assault, seven for harassment, one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for an expired tag, one for no driver's license, one for speeding, one for DUI, and one for driving while driver's license are revoked.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - Fight reported on Smith Avenue (12:58 a.m.); River stage - 1.91 feet (6:15 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (12:00 midnight).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - River stage - 1.98 feet (6:17 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - Fowler reported at Morrow Village (2:11 a.m.); River stage - 1.97 feet (6:43 a.m.); Fight reported at Tootle Bug's (9:03 p.m.); Rescue run to Southland Brothers on Co. Rd. 114 (10:24 p.m.); Burglary reported at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (10:32 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - River stage - 1.96 feet (6:12 a.m.); Rescue run to The Magic Mirror (12:27 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (6:10 p.m.); Disturbance (10:00 p.m.) on Powell Circle (11:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - River stage - 1.91 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Dr. (5:45 p.m.); Alarm at Carquest on Buford St. (9:21 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Shots fired reported near Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (3:00 a.m.); River stage - 1.90 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (12:13 p.m.); Wreck

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Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 16, 1997 through September 22, 1997. They were: Angie Gatlin, Denzell Thomas, Willie McClain, Annie Kilpatrick, Ricky Holmes, Johnny Walker, William Spann, Brenda Sanders, Bobby Parks, Catherine Carpenter, Henry Chestnut, Lois Smith, Sherika Lindsey, Jacqueline Turbance reported on Powell Circle (1:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported on N. Claxton Ave. (3:01 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (8:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams St. (10:01 p.m.); Shots fired on U. S. Hwy. 84W (11:01 p.m.).

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Ladon Rhoades, Annie Williams, Richard Thomas, Henry Chestnut, Betty Sams, Elaine Thomas, Carolyn Hudson, Bobby Parks, Michael Price, Clarence Tyson, Annie Kilpatrick, Catherine Carpenter, Opal Westbrook, Angie Gatlin, Terance Lamb, Johnny Walker, Annie Burch, William Spann, Danzell Thomas, Mary Brown, Gertrude Ennis, Annise Coleman, Jimmie Zeb Scott, Jacqueline Bundy, Lois Smith, Brunelle Beeson, Brenda Sanders, Annie Burch, C. A. Slawson, Willie McClain, Sherika Lindsey, and Patricia Richards.

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AREA DEATHS

LAMAR KENDRICK

Mr. Lamar Kendrick, age 78, of Opp, died Sept. 17, 1997, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 1997, at 10 a.m. at Southside Baptist Church, with burial in Peaceful Acres, Rainer Funeral Home of Opp directing.

Survivors include his wife: Eron Kendrick, Opp; two daughters: Jo-lynn Norris, Newton, Ala.; Frances Judah, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; two sons: Donald Kendrick, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Braxton Kendrick, Opp; three brothers: Fred Kendrick, Tucson, Ga.; Harold Kendrick, Griffin, Ga.; Paul Kendrick, Chatham, Ala. and six grandchildren.

ROBERT (Peter) BELCHER

Mr. Robert (Peter) Belcher died Sept. 13, 1997. He was born Jan. 16, 1912, in Elba.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 1997, at Rocky Head Baptist Church, with Rev. A.B. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rocky Head Church Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Ruth Henderson Belcher; six daughters: Martha Rowe, Betty J. Burks, Mable Kelley, Mildred Kelley, all of Elba; Hazel Belcher, Chicago, Ill.; Maxine Wilkinson, Orangeburg, S.C.; four sons: Robert Belcher Jr., Enterprise; Danny Belcher, Elba; Foy Belcher, New Jersey; Michael Belcher; two sisters: Julie Barnes and Lovie Hooks, Elba; 49 grandchildren; 95 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in Shiloh Cemetery in Covington

County on Sept. 23, 1997, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Hollis Bradley officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a sister: Josie Belle Wiggins, Clearwater, Fla.; a brother: John N. Wright, New Brockton.

CECIL HUTCHINSON
Mr. Cecil Hutchinson died Sept. 15, 1997, in Dale Medical Center, Ozark. He was born May 23, 1911, in Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 1997, at 2 p.m. at New Salem Baptist Church, Brundidge, with Rev. James Pearson officiating. Burial was in New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five children: Mary E. Pearson, Park Forest, Ill.; L.C. Hutchinson, N.J.; Charles Hutchinson, Little Rock, Ark.; Jerline Liptrot and Henry W. Hutchinson, Chicago, Ill.; two sisters: Lorene Lee and Froyne Cole; one brother: Ollie Hutchinson; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

For the second time in five years a University of Alabama football player has been ruled ineligible because of dealings with a sports agent. Seduced by big money and the promise of even more, young men all across the country are being enticed by high pressure sales pitches by sports agents.

It seems this is only the tip of the iceberg, as sports agents have resorted to employing "runners" to get to star student-athletes or anyone else close to them. Apparently their indiscretions know no boundaries.

What action can we take to prevent sports agents from running amuck?

Current Alabama law provides a penalty of a Class C felony, a fine up to \$5,000 and up to 10 years in prison for signing a college athlete before his last collegiate contest. These are among the stiffest penalties in the nation; still we must create even more severe punishments. Why?

The number of sports agents in Alabama continues to rise. According to the August 18, 1997, issue of The NCAA News, 120 sports agents are currently registered in Alabama, which is more than TWICE the number in any other state in America.

Because of their tremendous success, athletes in the state of Alabama are being systematically targeted by sports agents looking to make a buck; apparently at any cost.

Well, if Alabama is to be the battleground, then we should launch the first strike.

In the next legislative session, the Alabama Sports Festival will work with State Rep. Gerald H. Allen of Tuscaloosa and State Sen. Gerald O. Did of Lineville and other members of the Alabama Senate and House of Representatives to greatly increase the sentence of anyone convicted of tampering with our student-athletes.

Our goals are to raise the penalties to a Class A felony, a fine up to \$20,000 and a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

We must be vigilant in protecting the futures of our young people and the integrity of institutions. We must deter these greedy agents from preying on student-athletes who may be vulnerable to enticing offers.

These young people practice six days a week for six months of the year dreaming of being good enough to bring a championship home to Alabama. The least we can do is to ensure them the opportunity to live, learn and succeed on our college campuses without being constantly harassed by sports agents.

RON CREEL, CEO
Alabama Sports Festival XV

The annual "Old Home Folks Day" will be held in Opp on Oct. 4 at Lake Frank Jackson State Park. Gates will open at 8 a.m. and ceremonies will kick off at 9 a.m.

A wide variety of entertainment will be provided, as well as games, rides, and crafts and a display of educational and historical apparel.

To reserve an arts and crafts booth, or for more information, call the City Chamber of Commerce at 334/493-3070.

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DEAR CITIZENS OF ELBA AND COFFEE COUNTY:

We began providing Pre-hospital Paramedical Services to the citizens of Elba and Coffee County on April 1, 1997. Since this time we have responded to many emergency situations and provided treatment, aid, comfort and transportation to many Coffee County citizens. Perhaps you or a member of your family have utilized our services. If so, we hope you received the care and love that we strive very hard to provide.

Perhaps some of you are not fully aware of the advantages of having a full-time Paramedic-staffed Advanced Life Support Service in your community. When we watch television programs such as Rescue 911 we see many incredible "saves" that more often than not involve a Paramedic on the scene. Paramedics have extensive training, dedication and advanced equipment such as Cardiac and other Pre-hospital Medications that, in the field, only Paramedics are trained and authorized to administer. These advanced medications can mean the difference in life or death. This is not to take anything away from other members of the EMS profession, because without good EMT's, Paramedics would be unable to do their job effectively, because saving lives is a team effort.

Unfortunately, until recently, 24-hour Paramedic Services were pretty much limited to larger metropolitan areas. Most rural communities and smaller cities were without this level of Advanced Prehospital Emergency Medical Care. Our contention at Coffee County EMS is that Rural USA should have the same right to this degree of care as do the larger communities.

At Coffee County EMS, we are dedicated to providing the highest level of Emergency Care available. As such, we offer:

-- RAPID RESPONSE --

Our policy is to initiate response within 60 seconds or less during the day and 3 minutes or less at night from the time of the call. Since we keep Advanced Life Support personnel on duty at our station, 24 hours per day, we are prepared to respond immediately.

-- INSURANCE FILING --

We are a Medicare and Medicaid Provider. We accept and file all major medical insurance. Our rates are comparable with other services offering the level of Paramedical Care we provide.

-- PUBLIC SERVICE --

We provide free CPR instruction, blood pressure screening, and health topic presentations to schools, churches and civic groups. If you need us, just call. Coffee County EMS has been and shall continue to be actively involved in and supportive of the community.

-- SELF-SUPPORTING --

Coffee County EMS receives NO subsidies, tax dollars, or donations. We are not affiliated with or supported by any Government Agency. IF YOU DO NOT USE OUR SERVICES, YOU DO NOT PAY FOR OUR EXISTENCE.

-- YOUR CHOICE --

Should you find yourself in need of Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Care and transport, Non-Emergency Transport, or an Ambulance, you may call us direct at 897-8009 or toll free at 1-800-961-3352. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THAT WHEN DIALING 911 FOR AN EMERGENCY, YOU MAY ASK FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE OF YOUR CHOICE. WE URGE YOU TO MAKE THAT CHOICE COFFEE COUNTY EMS.

In closing, we at Coffee County EMS would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in Elba for the open-armed welcome we have received and to those who have provided assistance, without which we could not offer you this lifesaving service. Please stop by our station next to Hardee's for your free telephone deal and meet our team of professionals. It is our hope that you will never find yourself in a position to require our services. Unfortunately, tragedies happen, and we are here for you any time, day or night.

May God Bless,

THE STAFF OF COFFEE COUNTY EMS

Stephanie Hartin, EMT-Intermediate, Owner
Will Jordan, Paramedic, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Kim Williams, M.D., Off-Line Medical Director

Darryl Dixon, Paramedic
Trina Senn, Paramedic
Mike Dodson, Paramedic
Sandy Stein, Paramedic
Cindy Wilson, Paramedic
Debra Scruggs, EMT-Basic
Ray Kyle, EMT-Intermediate

Joe McCollough, EMT-Intermediate
Tina Senn, EMT-Basic
Derek Snellgrove, 1st Responder
Sherry Simmons, 1st Responder
Kevin Brozowski, 1st Responder
Blake Foley, Driver/Veh. Officer
Scotty Wise, Maintenance Tech.

Class of 1972 plan reunion

The Elba High School class of 1972 is planning their 25th class reunion to be held the weekend of Homecoming Nov. 7 and 8.

Class members will be receiving information in the near future.

Anyone with questions may call Kathy Weeks - 897-6746 (night), or Gwen Akridge 897-5629 (night).

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Social & Community News

Dean's List announced at Auburn

Every eligible Auburn University student who meets certain scholastic requirements for a given quarter is placed on a list for the dean of the student's College or School for recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Students from Elba on the Dean's List for Summer Quarter 1997 are:

Amanda E. Cathoun - Engineering

Leah A. Crowe - Human Sciences

AU students must be enrolled for 15 or more graded credit hours, pass all courses attempted for the quarter and earn a GPA of at least 3.4 (on



Destinee Taylor Lowry

Destinee Lowry is one year old

Miss Destinee Taylor Lowry celebrated her first birthday on Friday, Sept. 19. Her birthday party was held at her home on Sept. 20.

Destinee is the daughter of Tobin and Christine Lowry of Jack.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eddins and Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lowry, all of Jack.

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University sorority pledge sisters spend recent bonding weekend visiting Elba

Years ago I was a regular columnist for "The Elba Clipper." Since that time there have been several occasions that created such a strong feeling within me that I longed to be able to put it all down in words. Destinee's literally formed themselves in my head, and I yearned for a pen and a yellow pad. Saturday, September 6th, was one of them.

Jo Ann Cannon

They came in a chartered bus, the pledge class of the Nu Beta Chapter of Chi Omega sorority. She had said there would be between 50 or 60 of them, but as they piled into the house lugging sleeping bags and large cartons of survival snacks, there seemed to be many more.

Bursting with energy, excitement, and youthful enthusiasm they filled the space and overflowed onto the porches. The rafters rang with their chatter. Elena Strong had brought home her friends.

Since early spring Elena, who is the Pledge Trainer for Chi Omega at the University of Alabama, had talked of bringing the girls to Elba

for a weekend of "bonding," of getting to know one another. She wanted to bring them to her family's home, the large, comfortable cabin treat, the large, comfortable cabin treat, the large, comfortable cabin treat.

Dr. Strong built years ago near their home and which he calls "the playhouse." He and Sara graciously agreed to the idea and began to think about the logistics of housing and feeding a large group. And the big day finally arrived.

It was a wonderful weekend. As always, Elba turned out its special brand of hospitality, something it does better than anyone else. All the Elba Chi Omegas, regardless of where they went to school, wanted to help and arrived on the hill with their casseroles. Neighbors baked cakes. Across the road friends offered their swimming pool. Kenneth's friends hauled in their large grills to help cook the huge amounts of chicken needed to satisfy youthful appetites, and the Chamber of Commerce sent litter bags and their "I Love Elba" pins which were a great hit. Irma Warr had been baking cookies for weeks and on Saturday joined Dr. Warr to become a deliv-

ery team making countless runs to the grocery store. Younger sister Elizabeth acted as family hostess when she was free from her "Miss Elba" duties in Brundage and at the Foggy Bottom Festival.

All of this, added to the natural and relaxed manner of Sara and Kenneth, made for a special time. When, but on their Elba bonding weekend, will the girls ever be awakened by the roar of a cannon, being fired right outside their door?

Or enjoy fishing in the pond just across the road, exploring Indian mounds and hiking the nature trails under the enthusiastic encouragement of an Army general wearing his favorite squashed camouflage hat? Or take home the memory of a young moon shining over the tops of the darkened trees seen from a gently moving swing shared with friends who have become sisters?

And it is that last thing - friends becoming sisters - that united us all on Saturday night. Because despite age or personality differences we were all joined in the sure knowledge of the "small gold pin filled with pearls" that we cherish. And it is the depth of this feeling that those who seek to destroy the Greek system do not understand.

On the eve of my graduation from the University, I wrote an article for the "Nu Beta Data," the chapter newsletter, in which I said that Chi Omega had given me two things - Bob and the calm assurance that goes with saying, "I am a Chi Omega."

All these years later I still cherish both of these gifts. And now added to them is the gift of a special relationship with our precious Adrian, daughter of Bob's niece, Ann Cannon. Weeks of Opp, who pledged Chi Omega last month and who, when she is initiated, will wear my little gold pin already worn by daughter Courtney at her initiation.

Another bond was formed with Tanya McCall, Janice and Van's exceptionally nice young daughter, who she pledged Chi Omega. And she was waiting at the playhouse door Friday night to hug her best friend Kayron Whitworth, Kaye and Ronnie Whitworth's daughter, now a sister since she had pledged Chi Omega at Troy the day before.

Among the pledges was Amanda Burke of Fairhope, whose mother grew up in Florida, and roomed with Jeanette Paul at the University. Their third roommate was a member of Betty Cox's family so Amanda had the chance to talk with Betty about her mother's friends.

And so the bonding was in many directions, not just pledge sister to pledge sister. And the blessing that the girls sang before supper as they stood around the picnic table said it all. It was a time to remember and to rejoice in the ties that bind.

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PASTOR'S CORNER Rev. Eugene Johnson Associate Minister HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

Lord send a Revival in me

Ps. 51:9-13

Using the word REVIVAL here is in the concept of restoration to life or vigor. Taking it a step further, to QUICKEN or RENEW in the mind.

This Psalm characterizes the state of mind that King David was in after his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba and the death of Uriah. It paints a vivid picture and shows the reader the very inside of the soul of a man who loves God, yet has fallen grievously into a sinful situation. The prophet Nathan is aware of the event and has a confrontation with his king. David, realizing that he had displeased God with this sinful act of the lust of the flesh, has been made to see himself through the eyes of God.

David makes no excuses about his transgression - he simply accepts God's judgment and admits his guilt. Here, David demonstrates a perfect pattern of humility, having experienced at other times God's love and mercy, and is asking for forgiveness and a chance for a fresh start, being restored into God's good graces.

It's not so much the fact that we have sinned against God or our fellowman, but that we come to the reality that when we sin we MUST be restored, a REVIVAL must take place WITHIN us. There are many reasons for revival:

1. We have lost spiritual connection with God, thereby losing favor with God.

2. We are caught up with the concerns of this world and have neglected God's work.

3. Too often we find ourselves depending on our intellect and abilities and the influence we think we have to get the job done, rather than depending on the leading and wisdom of God.

4. We have lost faith and there is a complacency we harbour about our position in God.

5. Last, but perhaps most importantly, we have lost the love of God, and we have allowed Satan to extinguish our once fiery zeal for God and His righteousness.

But God in His mercy has provided a divine solution to our spiritual delinquency, and the remedy is found in 2 Chr. 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall HUMBLY themselves, and PRAY, and SEEK my face, and TURN from their wicked ways, then will I HEAR from Heaven, and will FORGIVE their sin, and will HEAL their land." God will respond to the prayers of the penitent and will bless them that come with humble hearts and a contrite spirit.

Let it be known that there are REWARDS of revival. Psalms 85 lets us know that when revival comes, it will restrain the righteous anger of God, as He forgives us for our past sins, never to be remembered again.

When we realize our shortcomings, and acknowledge our wrong, the Spirit of God will restore our conscious awareness of God and will reveal the gracious activities that God is doing on our behalf. From this perspective we can see the activities of God for us are threefold:

1. Saving us. 2. Sanctifying us. 3. Filling us with His Holy Spirit.

When we get right with God, revival will come like the refreshing flowing stream from above. God is able to heal and nurture the soul of a man which is eternal. There is no sacrifice so dear to God as a broken heart, no offering so precious as a contrite spirit. It can truly be said that God has loved many a wayward person back from the pits of hell to be revived and reinstated into the crystal clear forgiveness of God's holiness. Let us not be content with forgiveness alone - seek restoration to the old place, and then strive for better. May our Heavenly Father bless you in a continual revival and refreshing. Amen.

Gospel Concert to be held in Andalusia

There will be a free Gospel Concert in Andalusia at the Kiwanis Community Building on the Southern Bypass on Thursday night, Oct. 2, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Featured performers will include The Brantons, Resting Place of Dothan and Celebration from Crestview.

For more information contact Don Cotton at 334/222-6120.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone for the kindness shown during the death of my sister, **Johnnie Faye Jones**.

May God bless you.

BURLIVIE JONES & FAMILY

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New Brockton UMC sets Homecoming

New Brockton United Methodist Church will have Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Homecoming & Revival to be held at Pleasant Ridge Church

Homecoming is planned at Pleasant Ridge Church for Sunday, September 28th.

Revival Services will begin on Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Buddy Hood, pastor of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, Wicksburg, AL.

Homecoming & Revival to be held at Springhill

Revival is in progress at Springhill Emmanuel Holiness Church, Hwy. 167 near Ward's Grocery, outside of Troy, and will continue through Friday, Sept. 26.

Evangelist Jimmy Ray Hughes of Paxton, Fla., is speaker at the 7 p.m. nightly services.

Homecoming will be observed at Emmanuel Holiness on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. with lunch afterwards.

There will be special singing at 2 p.m., featuring the Faithful from Ozark and local singers.

For more information call 334/566-9438.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

The seniors of Mustard Seed met at the Foundation Sept. 17 for a time of fellowship, prayer, games and lunch.

Those present were Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Sis Wambles, Evelyn Smith, Zealton Smith, Pauline Wood, Johnnie Hall, Sammie Wambles, Inez Wambles, Louise Wambles, Eva Kelley, Pearl Wambles, Prince Givens, Jean Givens, Linnie McCollough, and Frank McCollough.

Some members were missing due to illness.

Foundation seniors invite others to join them each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church on Coffee County Rd. 211 in the Victoria Community.

For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

Grimes family reunion to be held October 5th

The families of Jim and Fannie Grimes Wilson will host the annual Grimes reunion on Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Jeffcoat Bldg., Opp, Micolas Mills Recreation Center in Opp, beginning at 11 a.m., with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Christine Wilson Knudson, Alexandria, Va., will present some interesting Grimes/Tillis family history at the reunion.

The reunion is held the first Sunday in October each year to commemorate the birthday of Malissa Tillis Grimes, wife of James Shorter Grimes.

For more information contact Nell Wilson Gilmer, 493-2182 or Linda Cannon Westbrook, 897-5565.

Enterprise Church of God to have Homecoming

Enterprise Church of God will have Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Morning services will include Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 10:45 with Pastor Rick Hand.

Those attending should bring covered dishes for lunch after the services.

There will be special music at 1:30 with Rapture.

The church is located at 1303 East Park Ave. in Enterprise.

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New Staff



PAT CAPE

Mrs. Pat Cape is a clerical aide at Zion Chapel High School and Zion Chapel Elementary School. She works in the elementary school for the first four hours of the day and in the high school the last three.

Mrs. Cape helps keep both the elementary and high school books, fills out purchase orders, and does general filing and other clerical work.

When asked about her job, Mrs. Cape said, "I am very happy with my job. I enjoy the work and the people with whom I come in contact every day."

Mrs. Cape, who is originally from Geneva, is married to Tommy Cape and they have three children: Melanie, Stacy, and Tim. Melanie is a graduate of Zion Chapel, Tim is a senior, and Stacy is in the tenth grade.

Mrs. Cape attended George C. Wallace Technical College in Dothan for her secretarial training.



SANDRA SKINNER

Mrs. Sandra Skinner is the new physical education teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary. Mrs. Skinner is a graduate of Troy State University and she was a teacher's aide before coming to Zion Chapel. She has been employed by the Elba City Board of Education for the past eight years. Her work assignment was kindergarten through sixth grade physical education.

When asked about her work at Zion Chapel, Mrs. Skinner said, "GREAT!"

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Rebel News Briefs

AREA FOR NEW PLAYING FIELD IS CLEARED

Because the playing field behind the elementary school is too small for two regulation baseball/softball fields, the wooded area behind the high school building is being cleared to make room for a new sports field.

Plans have not been completed but the Coffee County Commission has authorized the use of county equipment to be used in the clearing process. Linda Westbrook, representative of District One on the Coffee County Commission is coordinating the work being done by county crews. District When the land is cleared elementary and high school parent volunteers will do the rest of the work in creating the playing field.

SENIORS TAKE FIRST STEP TOWARD GRADUATION
The members of the Class of 1998 got their first look at the paraphernalia that seniors get an opportunity to purchase—some of which is semi-required and some of which is just desired.

Included in the semi-required category are invitations. These are described as semi-required because they are needed if one wishes to invite people to their graduation ceremony. However, it is not required that invitations be issued by an individual.

Among the desired items are memory books, senior jewelry, boxer shorts, t-shirts, and other assorted keepsakes. Each senior will also include their height and weight on their order form so that a cap and gown is included in the order. This order will be placed on October 1, 1997, and a \$60 deposit is required. This is a requirement—not a semi-required.

READING ASSIGNMENTS
To prepare students for college and to help students with their reading skills is the reason the members of the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade English classes have been given required reading lists.

The students are not required to read all the books on the list but to choose two books from the list for each nine weeks. The students choose a book, inform Mrs. Shaw of the book chosen, and then have a deadline for reading the book assigned. Different books have different deadlines. Tenth and eleventh graders have nine classifications of books and seniors have ten.

DRINK CANS ARE COLLECTED
The empty cans in the wire baskets designated for empty drink cans are collected every Friday during second period by the members of the Environmental Science class.

Any liquid left in the cans is emptied and the cans are placed in large trash bags. They are then stored in what is known as the "pump house" until Mr. Ray Faircloth comes to collect them. (The pump house used to house a pump. Now Zion Chapel is on "city" water and the pump house is used for storage.)

Mr. Faircloth takes the cans and sells them to a recycling center and then sends a check to Mrs. Jackie Jinnright, instructor of the Environmental Science class. Mrs. Jinnright uses the money earned to help finance supplies and equipment for her life science lab.

FFA ALUMNI CHAPTER FORMING
The Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA is forming an Alumni Chapter so that graduates of Zion Chapel can stay involved in FFA. Anyone who is interested can join now!

A person who is interested in joining the Alumni Chapter can contact Mr. John McCrory, Agri-Business instructor at 897-6275.

The activities for this new Alumni Chapter include improving alumni relations between members, helping current members with supervised agricultural experience programs, and assisting in helping local chapter programs.

The local chapter has plans to host a barbecue for alumni members and their goal is to have at least 50 alumni in attendance. Other plans are being made to include alumni members.

Mock Club Meeting Held
Mr. John McCrory's seventh period Agriculture class held a mock club meeting to exercise their Parliamentary Procedure skills. During the past two weeks Mr. McCrory has been teaching basic Parliamentary Procedure skills such as how to make a main motion, how to amend a main motion, and how to use such motions as Division of the motion.

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Science in Motion Helps Bug Collectors

Butterfly nets, pinning blocks, and spreading boards for each student were provided by a service called Science in Motion for the members of the Advanced Biology Class who have begun collecting bugs.

Science in Motion is providing students in Alabama schools with the opportunity to use first-hand thousands of dollars worth of equipment that is state of the art equipment.

The Alabama legislature first appropriated funding for the Science in Motion program three years ago. Teachers who have access to the program go to 15 days of workshops a year and bring written lab materials back to their schools. When a teacher is ready for a particular lab a call is made to Troy State University where the Science in Motion traveling lab is housed. The lab and needed equipment is then brought to the school.

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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

I've always been told that it is better to have a lot of friends than a lot of money, and that old axiom certainly rang true again last Friday night when I had a blowout on the way coming back to Elba after the Elba-Georgiana football game. I found the jack and the various other tools, but was having real problems getting the vehicle jacked up and the spare tire off when Rachel Moore and Eddie Kelley stopped to help. Neither man had any reservations about getting dirty and lying down in the weeds alongside the road, and before long they had solved the problem and we were all back on our way back home. I felt bad that they did a lot more work than I did, but they didn't seem to mind, and acted like a handshake wasn't even necessary. Without these two friends Friday night, it may have been morning before I got back to town. Thanks, again!

ELBA TIGERS SEE RECORD SLIP TO 0-3

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season struggles last week in Georgiana and came home with an 0-3 record after falling 20-7 to the 2A Panthers. Elba moved the football better than it had in the opening two weeks and could have easily scored three additional touchdowns, but made some mental mistakes that killed the potential scoring chances, and in the end the mistakes proved fatal. It was a win the Tigers badly needed, and didn't get.

The Elba offense looked good at times throughout the game, but once again failed to establish a running attack, and twice after getting inside the five-yardline failed to punch it in. The passing game looked pretty good for a high school squad, and despite the fact Derek Marler had a number of passes dropped, was the bright spot offensively. If the Tigers can establish a running game to go along with the passing attack, they could become a much more productive offensive team and put some points on the scoreboard. The offense has scored only two touchdowns in three games, which will always make it hard to win!

The defense got pushed around some Friday night and for the first time this season the fans didn't hear the pads popping when the defense arrived on the scene. Georgiana's quarterback broke countless tackles throughout the game, as did the Panther fullback, and it just seemed like the Tigers weren't quite in sync for much of the night. The defense did play hard, however, it wasn't nearly as dominating as it had been in the first two weeks against far-superior teams, and probably took a step or two backwards.

All in all, the Tigers probably didn't play well enough to win the game Friday night, no matter what the officials did or didn't do. The Tigers failed to score after getting the ball first and goal inside the five, and on defense didn't make the key stops to keep Georgiana out of the endzone. Elba may not be as good as it has been, and may not have as many athletes as many Elba teams of the past. However, the Tigers do have enough folks to win

against teams like Georgiana, and it might be time for the players to just forget the excuses that so many people are making, and look in the mirror. This is really nothing the coaches can do once the whistle blows. It is up to the players. C'mon guys, we all believe you can do it, you have to believe yourselves.

ANOTHER "SO-SO" WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS

The third week of the season was like the first two for the teams in our coverage area, with only New Brockton being able to pull out a win. Let's take a quick look back...

***NEW BROCKTON (2-1) got back in the win column with a 27-12 win over Straughn, and the Gamecocks have now looked great in two weeks, all very ordinary in the other. It was obvious that the Gamecocks may have lost looking past G.W. Long in week #2, but they battled back like champs last week and were very impressive against a very good football team. The Gamecocks can just find a hazy, py medium, many more wins should come as the season rolls along.

***BRANTLEY (2-1) barely slipped past its opening two opponents, but that was certainly better than the 35-16 whipping applied last week by Goshen. The Bulldogs' offense has struggled in all three games, and until it begins to move the ball and put points on the scoreboard, there may very well be some more whippings on the way. Brantley has the tools to win, it just needs some confidence and a little more experience.

***KINSTON (0-3) played its hearts out for the entire forty-eight minutes against Filadelfia before falling 14-7 to see its record slip to 0-3. The Bulldogs grabbed an early lead and held it until the third quarter, when the fatigue factor began to kick in, and the weary Kinston players began to slow down ever so slightly. The Bulldogs gave a winning effort, it was just too much heat for a team with so few players to overcome. This team is 0-3, but it is a team whose fans should be proud of the effort each and every time it hits the field.

***ZION CHAPEL (1-2) got blanked for the second straight week 28-0 by G.W. Long, and once again the injuries to key players proved simply too much to overcome. The Rebels were at full strength in their opener and put 49 points on the scoreboard, but as the injuries have mounted, the scoreboard has gone blank for two straight weeks. This team has a lot of pride and will battle back, but sometimes it's hard to win with starters on the sidelines with the coaches.

NOT MANY UPSSES STATEWIDE IN WEEK #3

The third week of the high school football season wasn't exactly filled with surprises, despite the defeat of one of the state's top teams. Here's a look back at the week that was...

***CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, drilled Ensley 40-0, while #2 Vigor stomped Theodore 36-6 and #3 Vestavia Hills blanked Mt. Brook 14-0. The Vestavia Hills-Mt. Brook game must have really been a holy contested affair, since both mascots were officially ejected from the sidelines in the first quarter for fighting! Closer to home, Dothan remained unbeaten with a 45-34 win over Bay High, and Enterprise got back on track with a narrow 31-28 win over Winless Davidson.

***CLASS 5A - The top-ranked Blount Leopards were knocked off by Moss Point, Mississippi 27-14, which means that Mississippi's top team has beaten both the defending 6A state champs and the defending 5A state champs in consecutive weeks. Second-ranked Saks slipped past Jacksonville 29-14 to stay unbeaten, while #4 Etowah rebounded from an early-season loss to handle Decatur 42-14. Closer to home, Greenville went to 3-0 with a tough 19-12 win over Stanhope Elmore. Opp got back on track with a 21-14 win over Carroll, and Andalusia slipped to 0-3 with a 6-2 loss to Ashford.

***CLASS 4A - Top-ranked Fayette County defeated Winfield 35-8, while #2 T.R. Miller edged past Lamar County 27-26 in overtime, and #3 Deshler blasted Brooks 43-7. Closer to home, W.S. Neal went to 3-0 with a 35-12 win over Escambia County, Ashford went to 3-0 with a 6-2 win over Andalusia, and Geneva handed Coach Leavy Boutwell his 100th career win with a big 48-13 romp past Slocomb.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Colbert County continued to roll with a 21-6 win over Russellville, while #2 Briarwood stomped Jemison 49-0 and #3 St. Clair outscored Wintertown 40-22. Closer to home, UMS-Wright improved to 2-1 with a 28-3 win over Grand Bay, Headland got its first win by clobbering Houston County 34-0, and Rehoboth got win #1 by upsetting Abbeville 14-0.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County rolled past Central-Coosa 49-8, while #2 Hazlewood edged past Lamar County 27-26 in overtime, and #3 Lineville dumped Talladega Central 53-20. Closer to home, Laverne stunned previously unbeaten Charles Henderson 28-14, Samson went to 3-0 with a 32-8 win over Geneva County, and Highland Home went to 3-0 with a 32-0 win over Red Level.

***CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville stomped Francis Marion 40-0, while #2 Addison lost its first regular season game since 1995 to Marion County 7-0, and #3 Marengo whipped John Essex 34-12. Closer to home, Frisco City knocked off Sweet Water 42-33, Arton surprised McKenzie 27-8 and Houston Academy was surprised by Wicksburg 14-13.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***I believe the time has come for the Elba Tigers to stop playing junior high games and make the move to a junior varsity schedule. The junior high team is for players in grades 7-9, while the junior varsity is for players in grades 8-10, plus a few eleventh graders that may not get to play on the varsity. The change would allow the tenth graders that stand on the sidelines on the varsity to get much-needed playing time, and still be available for action if needed on Friday nights. Many times the tenth graders see little or no playing time on Friday nights, and this change would at least get them some action as they prepare for the next level. It would also allow the eighth and ninth graders to get to play, which would help the overall program. The seventh graders could still play rec ball, which beats standing on the sidelines.

***It was good to see ex-Elba standout Leavy Boutwell get his 100th career coaching win down in Geneva last week. Coach Boutwell was a highly-successful coach at New Brockton for many years, but then moved up in class and was an assistant in Georgia for a couple of years before coming back to South Alabama. He has turned the program around in Geneva in just two years, and once again has proved that he is one of the top high school coaches to be found, regardless of classification. Good job Coach, we are all proud of everything you have done.

***I watched the Alabama-Arkansas game on TV Saturday and after the game vowed not to watch the Tide again until it can play like a college team on the offensive side of the ball. I know that Coach Dubose will do a good job and will win, once he is able to get some quality players among the ranks, but until that day comes there might be some more sad Saturdays ahead.

Have you ever noticed that anytime an ex-Alabama player comes back to the state to coach against the Crimson Tide he usually does very well? Think about it...

***The softball field at Elba High School is finally beginning to take shape, and for the first time since the project was started I can honestly say that I think the girls may actually play on their own field this spring. Red Wilson has done a great job of leveling the outfield, and before long the softball and baseball fields may be as pretty as the football field. If we haven't seen the new complex, drive behind the school and give it a look. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR SEES IMPROVEMENT

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by late Sunday afternoon and despite a 29-8 week was predicting better days ahead now that the "pre-season" is almost over. The local guesser made it clear that I knew he picked the top teams as New Brockton over Straughn, Goshen over Brantley, Headland over Houston County and Opp over Carroll, and that his yearly total now stands at 83-20. I nodded my head and bragged a little, but then went back to work and checked out this week's picks. Here they are...

ELBA VS. OPP

They say you can throw out the record book whenever these two rivals get together, and that might be just what the doctor ordered for the winless Tigers from Coffee County as they prepare to do battle against the powerful Bobcats. Strange things can happen when these two butt heads, but this year it looks like an easy one to pick.

NEW BROCKTON VS. GEORGIANA

The Gamecocks were given up for dead in area play two years ago when it was discovered they were in the same area as Laverne, Georgiana and Goshen. However, this year's Gamecocks don't care what has happened in the past, and are playing like they think they can make it to the playoffs. A win here might just be the springboard for such a march. In an upset!

NEW BROCKTON 22 GEORGIANA 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. CLAYTON

If the Rebels believe that this will be an easy win they could very well be one of the few teams to lose to Clayton on the gridiron in many, many years. The Rebels can win the game if they play hard, and come into the contest convinced that it will take nothing less than their best effort to emerge with the victory. Don't be fooled, this one could be close.

ZION CHAPEL 18 CLAYTON 8

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The Kinston Bulldogs have nothing to show for their three hard fought games except the knowledge that they gave it all they had for every single quarter of every single game. Such an intense effort will pay dividends down the road, but not this week.

SAMSON 21 KINSTON 0

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The Brantley Bulldogs were flying high after a 2-0 start, but the two one-point wins didn't impress Goshen, which rolled into town and ripped the Dogs a week ago. This week Brantley will begin area play, and unless the Bulldogs can regroup, any thoughts of a berth in the playoffs may vanish quickly. Call it a hunch.

BRANTLEY 27 MCKENZIE 16

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Elba's record slips to 0-3

Georgiana trips Tigers 20-7

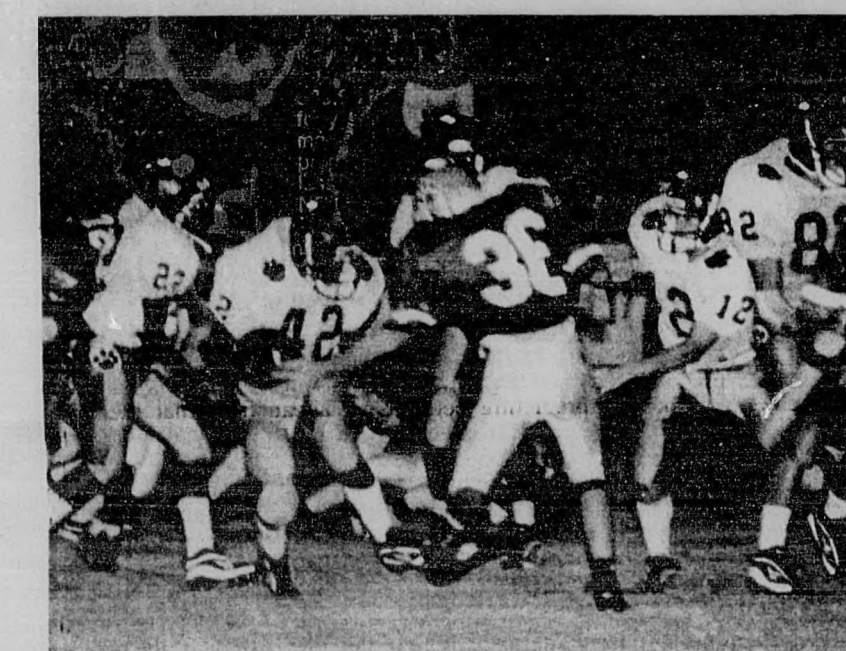
By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Missed scoring opportunities and a sea of penalty flags were too much for the Elba Tigers to overcome Friday night as they traveled to Georgiana and were defeated by the Georgiana Panthers 20-7, in front of a small, but very loud crowd of Tiger followers.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-3 on the young season, while Georgiana improved its mark to 2-1



Elba's Keni Mitchell (4) drags down a Georgiana runner for no gain in Friday night's 20-7 loss to the Panthers.

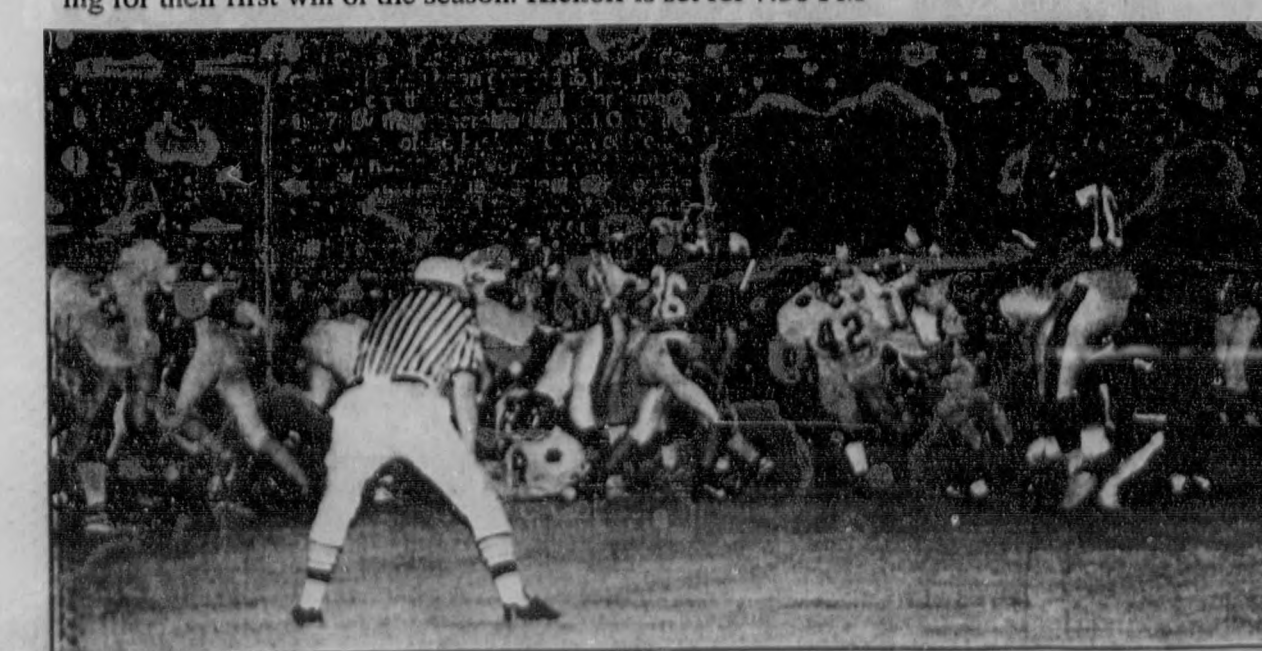


Tiger kick-returner Tony Burks (42) looks for running room Friday night against the Georgiana Panthers.

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Elba's Eric Jordan (9) sets sails on a 33-yard run during second quarter action in Friday night's battle with the Georgiana Panthers. The Tigers will travel to Opp Friday night still looking for their first win of the season. Kickoff is set for 7:30 PM



Elba's Josh Hodge dives in an attempt to block an extra point in last week's battle against Georgiana. The heavy pressure resulted in a missed p.a. try in the first quarter.



Elba's Coach David Sikes strongly disagreed with numerous officials' calls Friday night in Georgiana.



Elba's Garrett Boutwell (44) applies heavy pressure to the Georgiana quarterback Friday night.



Elba's Wesley Johnson (82) and Eric Jordan (9) combine to bring down a Georgiana runner for a short gain.

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Anna Miller gets two wins at Mudd Traxx

The Coffee County Mudd Traxx held another exciting night of racing action on Saturday, Sept. 13, with

Anna Miller claiming two wins. In the Factory Modified Class, Anna Miller took the top spot in

Punt, Pass and Kick winners named

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation co-sponsored the annual "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition last weekend at Miller Memorial Stadium, with a total of seventeen boys and girls competing.

In the "Girls 8-9" category, the winner was Kayla Homyak, while in the "Girls 10-11" group the winner was Brittany Hunko.

The "Boys 8-9" category the winner was Kevin Meeks, followed in order by Chase Boutwell and

Corey Miller. In the "Boys 10-11" category, the winner was Derrick Thomas, followed in order by Benjamin Dye, Stephen Hines, Heath Parker, Duke Carr and Ryan Gibbs.

The "Girls 12-13" group, the winner was Brandon Petty, followed in order by Kyle English, Hunter Branch and Brett Horton.

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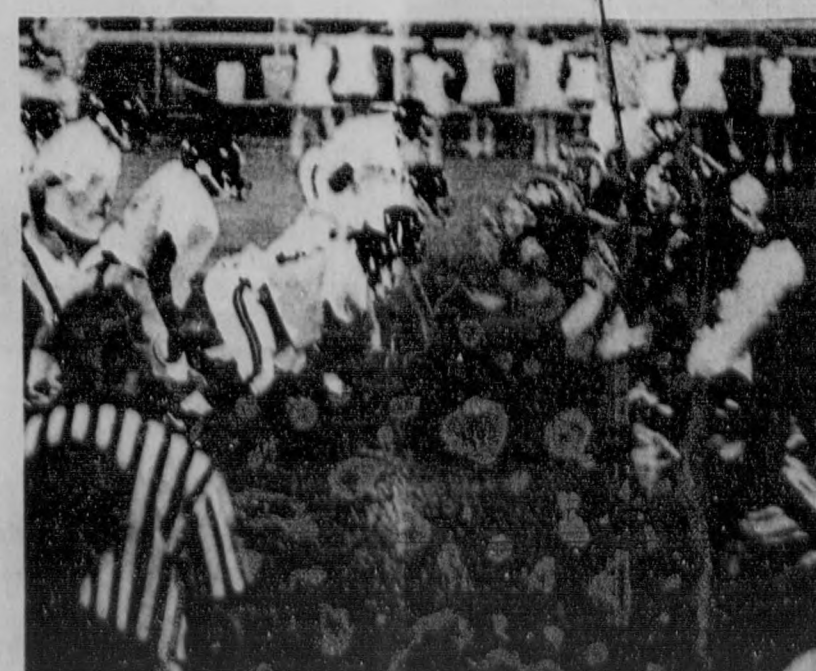
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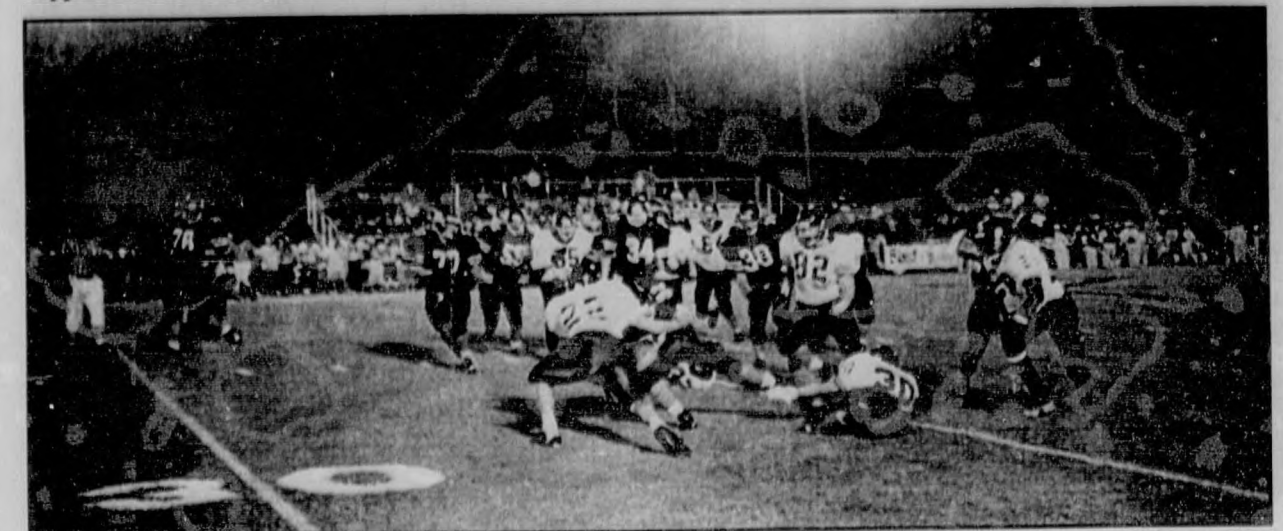
Elba Junior Tiger defense fires off the line in last week's 16-14 loss to Brantley. The loss left the Tigers with an 0-2 record.

New Brockton rebounds with impressive 27-12 win over Straughton Tigers

Statistics By Andrae Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled from behind twice Friday night to post an impressive 27-12 win over the Straughton Tigers, at Gamecock Stadium.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 2-1, while Straughton slipped to 0-3 with the loss.



Kinston's Chancy Lashley (32) fights off yardage Friday night in the Bulldogs' 14-7 loss to the Florala Wildcats. Kinston will host Samson Friday night in their quest for win #1.

Florala rally sinks Kinston 14-7

Statistics By Brad Matthews

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a 7-0 halftime lead vanish under a second half Florala comeback Friday night as the Wildcats rallied to edge past the Bulldogs 14-7, in Kinston.

The loss left Kinston with an 0-3 mark for the season, while Florala improved to 1-2 with its first win of the season.

Kinston gave its fans a reason to cheer early in the game as the Bulldogs grabbed a first quarter lead on a 22-yard pass to Chancy Lashley. The extra point by Jeremy Osborn was good, and the Bulldogs were on top early 7-0.

The remainder of the half was a defensive struggle, with the Bulldogs refusing to allow Florala to get into the endzone, and Kinston taking the 7-0 lead into the locker room at intermission.

The Kinston defense continued to play tough through the second half; however, the Wildcats simply had too much speed for the Bulldogs to stop for all four quarters, and Florala scored a pair of second half touchdowns to rally and claim the 14-7 win.

Jeremy Osborn gained 89 yards on 20 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Chancy Lashley added 35 yards on 11 carries and scored the Bulldogs' only touchdown, a 22-yard pass reception. Bishop Edwards completed 3 of 9 passes for 30 yards, with one interception.

Fred Edwards made 7 solo tackles and 6 assists to lead the Bulldogs' defense.



Kinston's Matt Winstead (34) made seven tackles to help spark the Bulldog defense in Friday night's 14-7 loss.

Neither team could mount a drive on its first possession of the night, but the Tigers did begin a trip down the field on their second series and marched 70 yards on 15 running plays to grab a 6-0 advantage.

Straughton's Andy White, a bruising 250-pound tailback, gained 26 yards during the march and got the score on a one-yard blast. The extra-point try failed, leaving Straughton with a 6-0 lead with 2:13 left in the first quarter.

New Brockton's offensive unit wasn't to be outdone, however, and took the ensuing kick and drove 55 yards in six plays to take the Gamecocks' first lead of the night.

Jerry Haynes got the drive off to a fast start with gains of 11 and 8 yards on two consecutive runs, while fumble near midfield late in the half and drove 55 yards in eight plays to regain the lead.

Andy White was again the workhorse of the drive for the Tigers with 33 yards in four carries, and it was White that scored the touchdown on a 20-yard dash. The two-point try failed, but Straughton was back on top 12-6 late in the first half of play.

A pass interception by New Brockton's Jason Allums stopped the Straughton drive at the Gamecock 35-yardline midway through the final stanza, and it was the New Brockton defense that put the final points of the night on the scoreboard, as LaRoyce Haynes stepped in front of a Straughton pass and raced 70 yards with the horn sounding to give the Gamecocks the 27-12 victory.

New Brockton's Pate Harrison gained 126 yards on 14 carries to lead the Gamecocks, while Kellen Cole hit on 4 of 9 passes for 62 yards and one touchdown.

Andy White led Straughton with 109 yards in 17 carries.

Lady Bulldogs coast to wins in tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs hosted the "1997 Lady Bulldog Volleyball Invitational" on September 13, at Kinston High School, and coasted past a strong field in pool play before defeating Laurel Hill in the finals to capture the tournament championship.

The Lady Bulldogs began pool play with a 15-2, 15-3 romp past 6A Enterprise. Kaci Fleming was the top spiker with six, while Tiffany Rhoades had 13 service points and Suzanne Rhoades added 8 service points. Allie Sumblin had two solo blocks.

The next Lady Bulldog win came over Sneads, Florida, by scores of 15-2, 15-0. Kaci Fleming recorded four kills to lead Kinston, while Tiffany Rhoades had 14 service points and Allie Sumblin added 11 service points.

The Lady Bulldogs remained unbeaten with a 15-4, 15-4 win over 6A Carroll, of Ocala. Allie Sumblin had four kills in the win and Kaci Fleming recorded 14 service points.

The Lady Bulldogs closed out pool play with a perfect 4-0 record by coasting past 5A Eufaula 15-2, 15-3. Kaci Fleming had 4 kills in the win, while Allie Sumblin and Amy Jones both recorded eight service points.

The Lady Bulldogs fell to Laurel Hill 9-15 in the opening game of the championship match, but then rallied to win the next two games 15-9, 15-8 to take the top prize. Allie Sumblin and Kaci Fleming both recorded 6 kills in the match, while Lana Odum was 21 out of 22 in service tries, and Kaci Fleming added 11 service points.

The wins in the tournament improved the Lady Bulldogs' record to 10-1, and prompted Coach Amelia Rhoades to state "This is probably as strong a team as has been in Kinston in many years. We have all the spots covered on the court, and with four starters back from last year's 4-2-12 season, we have played well early in the season, as we should."

The Lady Bulldogs dropped their second match to Bayside Academy, of Mobile, 10-15, 15-4, 6-15. Kaci Fleming led the Lady Bulldogs with 11 service points, while Tiffany Rhoades added 9 service points. Allie Sumblin and Tiffany Rhoades led in kills with 7 and 5 respectively, while Suzanne Rhoades had 29 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs kept their title hopes alive with an impressive 15-2, 15-9 win over UMS-Wright, of Mobile. Allie Sumblin and Tiffany Rhoades led the team in kills with 6 and 5, respectively, while Tiffany Rhoades recorded 13 service points and Kaci Fleming added 10. Kaci Fleming also had 36 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs met Pool 1 winner Ardmore in the semifinals, and posted a 15-7, 15-6 win. Allie Sumblin led in kills with 10, while Kaci Fleming recorded 13 service points and Tiffany Rhoades added 8. Suzanne Rhoades had 15 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs met Bayside Academy in the championship match, and this time walked away with a 15-9, 10-15, 15-12 win. Allie Sumblin and Kaci Fleming led the team in kills with 9 and 8, respectively, while Lana Odum recorded 8 service points, and Tiffany Rhoades had 29 digs. Allie Sumblin and Tiffany Rhoades both added 13 points. Suzanne Rhoades had 35 digs and Kaci Fleming added 27.

Both Allie Sumblin and Tiffany Rhoades were named to the "All-Tournament" team.

"We looked much improved in all areas at the tournament," said Rhoades. "Suzanne Rhoades and Kaci Fleming both had a big tournament on defense, and our serving was much better throughout the tournament. We still have a lot of improvement to do in all areas and we still have a lot of work to do, but we are playing better with each and every match and are determined to play better every time we take the court."

The Lady Bulldogs, ranked third in the state in Class 1A-3A, opened the Trinity tourney against St. James and posted a 3-15, 15-8, 15-12 win. Tiffany Rhoades had 7 kills and 15 service points to lead Kinston in both categories, while Allie Sumblin added 5 kills and had 14 service points. Kaci Fleming led the team with 35 digs.

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Straughton recovered a Gamecock fumble near midfield late in the half and drove 55 yards in eight plays to regain the lead.

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STATISTICS

NR	1st Downs	S
202	Rushing Yds.	193
62	Passing Yds.	27
264	Total Offense	220
4-9-1	Passes	4-9-3
1	Fumbles Lost	2



New Brockton's LaRoyce Haynes (21), pictured above in action against G.W. Long, returned an interception 70 yards for a touchdown in the Gamecocks' 27-12 win over Straughton.

Area match-ups highlight prep football action in fourth week

The high school football season has now entered week #4, and this week's action will include two very important area match-ups.

Following are previews of this week's games involving area teams:

CLAYTON AT ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to even their record at 2-2 Friday night when they host the Clayton Tigers, at Green Memorial Stadium.

The Rebels haven't scored in the past two weeks after opening the season with a 49-34 win over Thorsby, and will have to overcome a number of injuries this week against the 2A Tigers.

Clayton will bring an 0-3 record into the clash, having lost to G.W. Long 54-0, Bullock County 26-0 and Seminole County 39-9. The Tigers are a perennial loser on the gridiron, and have done nothing this season to change that reputation.

A healthy Rebel team would be a heavy favorite; however, with the injuries beginning to mount, it could be closer than one might think.

All bird hunters must have new hunting permit

The Alabama Game and Fish Division is reminding licensed hunters that they are required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to have a permit to hunt migratory birds (ducks, geese, coots, snipe, rails and woodcock).

The permits are free and are available at all sporting good vendors in the state. The permit is required of every licensed bird hunter in Alabama, including lifetime license holders.

The permit will be available upon completion of a Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) card. The hunter will be asked to provide name, address and answer a few short questions about last season's harvest. The hunter will complete the card and exchange it for a permit that must be available for inspection when hunting migratory birds in Alabama.

The purpose of the program is to provide reliable migratory bird harvest estimates, so that wildlife specialists can make sound decisions concerning hunting seasons, bag limits and population management.

Two teams looking to get back in the win column will meet in this one, and it should be a game that is decided late in the fourth quarter.

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Rebels blanked 28-0

By Code Shiver, Sportswriter

The Rebels of G.W. Long High School rolled into Green Memorial Stadium Friday night to do battle with the homecoming Rebel of Zion Chapel, and at the final horn it was the visiting Rebels that walked off the field with a 28-0 shutout win.

The tone for the night was set early for Zion Chapel, as on its first possession the Rebels fumbled the ball away, one of five times the Rebels would leave the football on the turf on the long night of action.

G.W. Long recovered the fumble right back to Long at the Zion Chapel 28-yardline, and this time it took G.W. Long six plays to get back into the endzone, with the score coming on an 11-yard dash by Adam Pritchett. The p.a.t. was true, and with 6:32 left in the opening stanza G.W. Long was in command with a 14-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel seemed to come to life after a 32-yard kickoff return by Durane Flowers put the hometown Rebels in business at their own 43-yardline. A 17-yard run by Flowers and a 20-yard dash by Ben Pritchett moved Zion Chapel to the Long 20-yardline, but a fumble killed the potential scoring march, and damaged the Zion Chapel offense for the remainder of the night, as quarterback Ben Pritchett was lost for the game with an injury sustained on the play.

The Zion Chapel defense, led by Jason Hight, played tough during the middle of the first half and turned back two Long offensive drives.

Long began a drive at the ZC 33-yardline after another fumble recovery, and needed only four snaps to add to its lead, with the score coming on a 7-yard dash by Adam Pritchett. The extra-point was true, and with 2:24 left in the half Long's lead was up to 21-0.

Zion Chapel's defense unit continued to play tough in the second half, and led by the play of Brad Ashby, blanked the high-powered Long offense throughout the third quarter.

Zion Chapel's offense threatened early in the fourth quarter after a 31-yard pass from Marcus Taylor to Buddy Maddox gave the hometown Rebels a first down at the Long 23-yardline. The drive reached the Long 18, but failed to put points on the scoreboard, as Long remained ahead 21-0.

A bad snap on a punt gave Long excellent field-position late in the game at the Zion Chapel 35-yardline, and James Truitt needed three plays to cover the distance, and give Long its fourth and final TD of the night. The extra-point try was true, putting Long on top 28-0 with 4:12 left in the game.

James Truitt led Long with 94 yards on 15 carries, while Zion Chapel's Durane Flowers was held to 55 yards on 10 tries.

STATISTICS

ZC	1st Downs	L
5	Rushing Yds.	209
74	Passing Yds.	68
50	Total Offense	277
124	Passes	6-21-0
6-12-0	Fumbles/Lost	4/3
5/4	Penalty Yds.	25

Zion Chapel's Marcus Taylor (15) turns to pitch out during action Friday night against G.W. Long.

Bulldogs tamed 35-16

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Goshen Eagles used an explosive second half offense and a hard-hitting defense to hand the Brantley Bulldogs their first loss of the season Friday night 35-16, in Brantley.

The Eagles scored four touchdowns on runs of 17 yards or more, with three scores coming in a 3:30 span in the second half.

The two teams exchanged fumbles late in the first quarter, with James Stewart making the recovery of a Darrell Owens fumble at the Brantley 39-yardline, and Jonathan Billups causing, and recovering an Eric Cope fumble that stopped the ensuing Eagle threat.

A bad snap on a punt attempt gave Goshen the ball at the Brantley 30-yardline, and four plays later Tim Bean raced 21 yards into the endzone on a trap play for the first points of the night. Wesley Phelps added the extra-point, giving the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 11:37 left in the second quarter.

Goshen threatened again on its next series and took the ball for 11 plays, only to be turned back on a fumble recovery by the Bulldogs' Bo Daniels.

Brantley moved the chains twice and reached the Goshen 28-yardline on its next series, but came away empty-handed when a 45-yard field-goal try by Gregory Daniels failed to connect.

An 8-yard Eagle punt gave the ball right back to the Bulldogs at the Goshen 28-yardline late in the second quarter, and this time the Bulldogs did get on the scoreboard, as with :08 left on the clock Daniels drilled a 35-yard field-goal to cut the Eagle advantage to 7-3.

The Brantley defense came out on fire in the second half, and scored some points of its own when Darrell Owens scooped up a Goshen fumble and raced 35 yards for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the p.a.t., and with 8:33 left in the third quarter Brantley was in the lead 10-7.

Two series later, Lucas Hill broke through on fourth down and blocked a Wesley Phelps punt. Hill grabbed the football and rammed in from

Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) finds nowhere to run Friday night.

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Scripture: Hagai 1:1-9

Thinking of you, praying for you: John D. Caldwell, John and Addie Burnett, John L. and Annie Pearl Ballard, Jim Gray, Mary Bell Belcher, Mary R. Bell, Christopher Belcher, W.H. Caldwell, Rose Lee Thompson, Frances Daniels, Annie L. Williams, Pearl Mincey, Iris Tanks, Nannie M. Kelley.

Annual Appreciation for Pastor and Sister A.R. Williams and family will be held Sunday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Hwy. 125, Elba.

Everyone is invited to come out and worship with us!

Program of the 85th Session of the Mulberry Baptist Women's Convention will convene at the Mulberry Baptist Education Building, Elba Sept. 26-27.

Theme: Go a Little Farther In Raising God's Standard. Matt. 26:39; Theme Song: "Keep on Believing."

President - Sis. Alice Freney Vice President - Sis. Maggie Bryant 2nd Vice President - Sis. Lorraine Henry

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Friday morning - 10 a.m. - House Called to Order - Sis. Alice Freney, president; Devotional - Convention Choir; Ministers wives, Deacons' wives and laywomen will enroll with \$3.00.

Ministers wives - Sis. Carolyn Lawrence, Chairman; Sis. Lou Ann Cunningham - co-chairman - Goal \$100;

Deacons wives - Sis. Allie Henderson, chairman; Sis. Catherine Neal - co-chairman - Goal \$200.

Laywomen - Sis. Joyce Coleman, chairman; Sis. Lillie M. Daniels - co-chairman - Goal - \$200.

Sermon - Rev. J.B. Chatham; report of all committees

Memorial Committee - Sis. Cora McBride, Sis. Lorraine Henry; Remarks - Benediction; Finance Goal - \$3,000.

Personal Enrollment - Sis. Eria L. Belcher

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Southwest District Workers - Sis. Mary Harris; Report of Field Workers - Sis. Odell Coleman, Sister Lizette McDonald; Report on Education - Sis. Dorothy Tillis; Presentation of Matrons - Sis. Gladys Yelverton; Song - Convention Choir; Sermon - Rev. Park; Alternate - Rev. E. Freney

Offering, Report of All Committees; Benediction

All women are asked to wear white on Saturday

Saturday morning - 10 a.m. - House Called to Order - 2nd Vice President; Devotional - Committee; Roll Call and Reading of First Day's Journal

Mission Study - Subject - "God's Standard of Living"; Sis. Odell Henderson; Song - Convention Choir; Enrollment - Song - Convention Choir

Local President - Period of the District - President reported the highest amount will be crowned Queen of Local Presidents.

Song - Convention Choir; Presentation of President - Sis. Maggie Bryant; President's Annual Address; Love Offering; Song - Convention Choir; Election of Officers, Report of all Committees; Dismissal for Lunch

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Remarks, benediction.

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Miss Foggy Bottom: (l-r) 1st runner-up - Beth Bowers; Winner - Jessica Shannon Kelley; 2nd runner-up - Suzanna Stinson



Mini-Miss Foggy Bottom: (l-r) Winner - Shea Manning; 2nd runner-up - Colette Newsum; 1st runner-up - Courtney Blackmon



Little Miss Foggy Bottom: (l-r) Winner - Cortlin Megan Lee; 1st runner-up - Summer Parker; (Not pictured - 2nd runner-up - Marlena DeLyon Hood)



Tiny Tot Miss Foggy Bottom: (l-r) 3rd runner-up - Aspen Leigh Grimes; Winner - Kelli Denea Behrens; 4th runner-up - Cate Moss (Not pictured - 1st runner-up - Ashby Brooke Weeks; 2nd runner-up - Nikki Fuller)

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He worked three years with Tri-County Telephone Co. in Clay, Cleburne and Randolph Counties. In 1963 Burch began work as a lineman in the construction department of GTE in Dothan. In 1965 he transferred to Enterprise where he worked three years as an installer-repairman. He was then promoted to cable splicer and transferred to Elba in 1968.

During his years of service Burch attended numerous schools in Dothan and Durham, N.C., and was named outstanding residential salesman in 1978 - statewide, and 1979 for the city of Ozark.

Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser set for September 27th

oxygen 100 percent of the time. He was evaluated and approved May 5, 1993 by the University of North Carolina's transplant team for a double-lung transplant.

In April 1994, Jon was required to relocate to Chapel Hill, NC to participate in a physical therapy exercise program and to be available for surgery. Jon's wait for matching donor lungs ended on September 2, 1994, with nine hours of surgery. His operation was very successful. He was out of intensive care in 3 1/2 days and out of the hospital in near record time, eighteen days.

Today, Jon lives in Tallahassee with his wife Cori. Cori is the daughter of Johnny and the late Linda Pelham, formerly of Graceville. Jon works for the City of Tallahassee and plays golf once or twice a week. Thanks to organ donation and the gift of life, Jon is alive and well today.

Most young adults and children with Cystic Fibrosis are not as fortunate as Jon Edgar. Receiving a lung transplant in order to maintain life is not always an option. Most of these children and young adults live on a day-to-day basis waiting on a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. They also spend most of their days taking a lot of expensive medication and engaging in vigorous physical therapy.

In the Wiregrass area, you don't hear of these children because they usually have to travel out of the area to the larger hospitals to be treated. This too is hard on the children and their families.

Care South Home Health has teamed up with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to raise money in the search for the cure of this disease. Jon and his wife, Cori, will be at the River Junction Park in Geneva, AL, on September 27th to help raise money. There will be activities for all ages. Gospel music will be provided by Living Proof, Kingston, King's Table Worship Center, Midland City and Cori Pelham Edgar of Tallahassee. Entertainment will also be provided for the children by Jama the Clown from Ozark, along with train rides and face painting.

Refreshments and cakes will be on sale with all proceeds going directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Anyone interested in assisting, donating, or needing further information can call (334) 684-9228, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.

As a young adult, Jon's lungs progressively deteriorated due to numerous lung infections. In the spring of 1993, Jon quit his full-time job and went on disability because his lung capacity had dropped to approximately 20 percent and he required

by Sandi Watson, coordinator Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

Here's an article that explains why we should help a worthy cause... because sometimes our efforts help real people.

For Jon Edgar, September 2nd will always be a day of celebration. It is the anniversary of his double-lung transplant, a procedure that saved his life. At the age of six months, Jon was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, an incurable disease of the endocrine gland that affects the pancreas, respiratory system, and sweat glands.

As a child Jon's health improved some and his activity level was quite good. He was treated for respiratory infections as they occurred with intravenous antibiotics. Jon slept in a mist tent every night for 16 years and did chest physical therapy.

During school, Jon tried many activities which included swimming, baseball, cross country, and basketball. In the eighth grade, he was introduced to golf, a game that became his favorite pastime. Jon graduated from high school in 1977 and attended a small college in Pennsylvania. He took one semester off because of mononucleosis, but graduated with a BS degree in 1981.

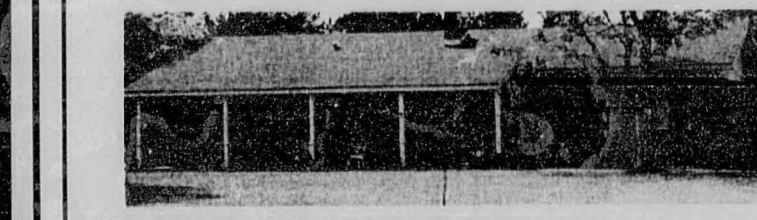
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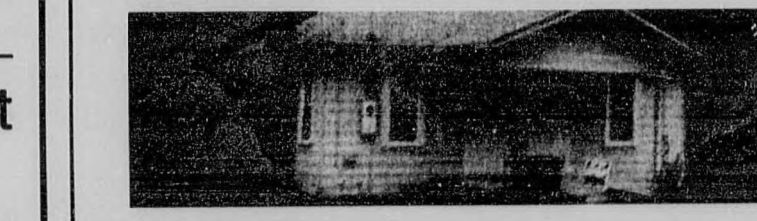
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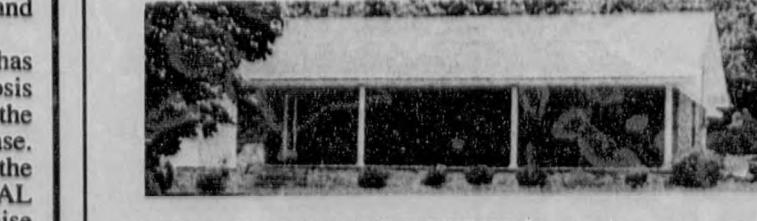
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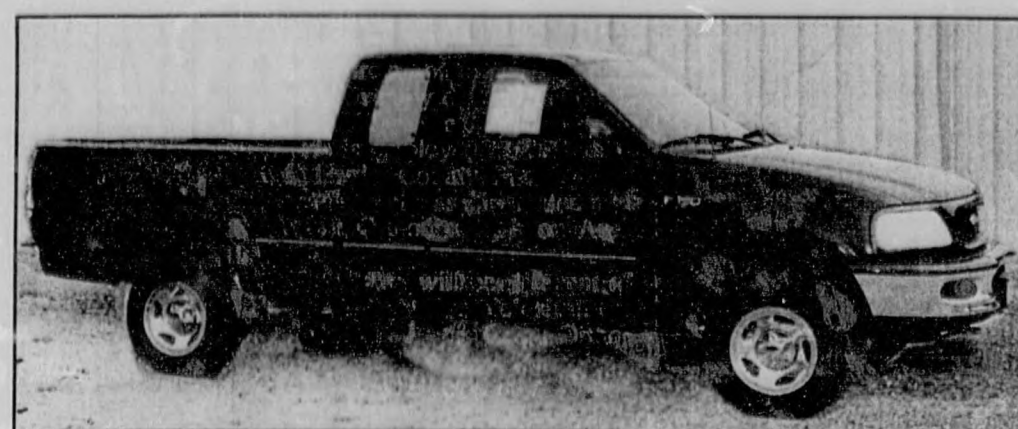
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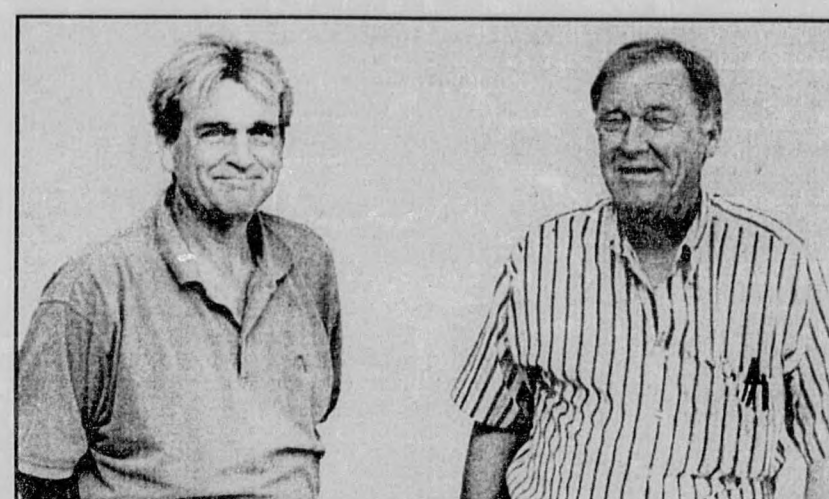
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